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A Full and True

ACCOUNT

Of a Bloody

And Barbarous Murther,

Found to be Committed upon the Person of a

WOMAN,

In *Kent-street*, near St. *George's* Church, *Southwark*; with the Circumstances that attended the Discovery, and other things accompanying so Amazing and Cruel proceedings.

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IT cannot but reflect strange and amazing Horror, upon the Minds of those that *shed Humane Blood*; Yet neither the Terror of Guilt, nor the fearful punishments are capable of deterring Cruel and Revengeful Minds from so great a Wickedness, as frequent *Examples* have made evident, and Recorded in *Sanguin* Characters, Mankind in this, is more Barbarous than the *Ravenous Beasts*, who prey not upon their proper Kind, but by a natural Instinct spare to shed the Blood of their *Compeers*; but amongst others of a Crimson-dye, we here undertake to give one of a fresh date, wherein no small Barbarity will appear.

It so hapned, that the beginning of the *last week*, a Coffin being discovered by some of the Neighbours, to be carryed into one *Stevens* his House, at the Sign of the *Trumpet*, at the hither end of *Kent-Street*; and not having heard that any person had been Sick, made them begin to suspect more than ordinary: Especially, considering a House that had none of the *Best Reputation*, and for some time, a whispering of suspition was spread abroad, and enquiry made to what end it was designed, but no Satisfactory Answer could be gotten; but in the end, *Suspition* growing greater, it was given out, that a strange person Lodging there, dyed: Whereupon the Searchers came, as is usual, to make their Inspection of the Corps: But before their coming, it was Coffined up, and decently dressed as to its Burial or Interment, and by that means, whether they discovered not the Wounds, or were partial in concealing them, we do not undertake to Determine, but contrary to the true cause of the Death of this party, they gave it out, that she dyed of a Feavour, or some such Violent Distemper; but the people of the House thought it not however convenient to make a publick Burial, rather considering it most to their Advantage, to bury the Body privately, and made overturns of that kind to the Sexton, or those concerned in Burials: Which giving a greater Suspition, nothing could prevail to bring it to pass, before a further Search was made, and thereupon the Burial being suspended, the Coffin with the Body in it, was left at the Church Door in the Dark, and the next day the Corroner or Magistrate having

having notice of these passages, the Body was taken out, and upon further Inspection, a mortal Wound appeared on the right side the Arm, being likewise stobed, supposed to be given with a Sword, Bagonet, or broad Knife; and the Body was carryed into the Church Porch, and exposed to the view of the people; who crouded from all parts, to see the Sad and Deplorable Spectacle, making various Conjectures and Censures, and much Inquiry was made, who the party should be, and who were the Murtherers, but as to the Name and Quality of the person thus Murthered, we are yet to learn.

Whilst things were at this pass, and peoples Judgments were various, the *Corroners Jury* was Summoned and Met, to make an Inquiry how the party came by her Death, and such Witnesses as could be got were Examined, being mostly the people of the House upon whence she was brought Dead, whose Testimonies appeared very obscure, in the apprehension of most People; as Alledging, that she received those Wounds that were found upon the Body of the Deceased, in some Fray or accidental Rencounter, at or near *Tower-Hill*, and that after she was Wounded, she came only as a Lodger to their House, and that they Entertained her out of hopes she might Recover; and that During there, they had undertaken to procure her Burial, and were no ways concerned, or further knowing in Relation to her, or her Death: As to this purpose, however upon View of the Wounds, they appeared not to have been Dressed, and by many it was imagined, after receiving them, she was not capable of coming so far, but must of necessity have fainted by the way, for Anguish or loss of Blood, and thereupon the Jury considering the Circumstances, could find no other but that she dyed of those Wounds, and consequently was Murthered, and those most suspected, as the Master, *&c.* Bound over to answer the Death of this Party; that a further and more satisfactory Account may be had how it happened, and after several days being exposed to View, Orders were given for the Interment of the Corps, which was accordingly performed, in the Church-yard of St. *Georges*. This is all the Account we can at present give of this Deplorable Murther, till a further Light be had of the Matter, and Crimes of this Nature seldom escaping unpunished.

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